

**APPEAL TO FARMERS.**

President Johnson of Georgia Cotton Association Makes Strong Appeal for United Action of Farmers in Support of Holding Movement.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—President M. L. Johnson, of the Georgia division Southern Cotton Association, has issued a strong letter of appeal and encouragement to the farmers of Georgia and the South. He shows where in the cotton producers of the South have the power to control their product, and can do it if they will.

President Johnson says: "We frequently see the statement that what the price of cotton will be tomorrow, next day, next week, next month and next April is pure guess work. Is that true? If so, should it be so? Certainly not. The price of cotton per pound should be as stable as a gold dollar, and can be made so. But it will take on the part of the grower thorough and compact organization, and, in addition, the growing of cotton as a surplus crop. The combined strength of cotton growers and others should be so directed as to make powerful and effective the efforts of every organization working for this purpose. Let it be understood that we fight no business, but that we propose to stand by our own and our country's interests to the very last, realizing that in the South every interest is dependent on the price cotton brings. Give us 15 cents, instead of trying to make us take 11 cents or 12 cents, and you add to our purchasing power \$150,000,000 or \$148,000,000, respectively, on the cotton exported alone, and make impossible a panic in the South.

Look at our own mills just now. Their takings are about \$00,000,000 under last year. The foreign mill takings show no appreciable decrease. The foreign mills are helping to sustain the market—our own mills are not. Yet you and I, who raise the cotton, have to buy tariff-protected goods, and the tariff-protected fellow is not helping us sustain the price. Why don't the United States let us buy from the fellow who is helping us? That is my inclination. Is it not yours, to help the fellows who help you?

Again, you know in 1905, when cotton went so low we had the united action of all to boost the price, and we boosted it. We are sustaining the price today, but, with a few patriotic exceptions, we have not the cooperation we then had. Was it and is it because cotton at a low price would not liquidate our indebtedness; but cotton at 10 cents and above would.

You know I have heard and heard of much urging to sell; many have tried to scare us; much "bear dope" has been put out, and by our own people. But, from my standpoint every financial fiber and muscle of the South should have been strained to force it up to the profit point to the grower. Many, many times have I asked myself the question, do we get desperation only when cotton is below 5 price which would pay our debts, and when it is above, get none.

There are conspicuous and true exceptions among all classes, but what is the rule? I can name bankers, merchants and many other interests that are loyal supporters of our work, financially and otherwise. Many of our fertilizer people have been most loyal, but some have not. Do they want to see us out of debt, or not?

Let's look at the price, 15 cents. Personally, I do not advise, but there are a number of reasons why it will finally bring it and why it should be held for it, by all who can.

1. It is worth it.

2. The mills for months and years past have their goods contracted for on that basis.

3. There is practically a shortage of 4,000,000 bales in the world's supply, and every bale is needed and demanded, hence—

The fourth reason is the demand.

5. The small crop. The association estimated, the 1st of October, a crop of about 11,350,000 bales—that now looks as if it will exceed rather than come under the crop.

6. It will take that price to give us the profit to which we are entitled.

7. Because it was and is a just, proper, fair and reasonable one, and on this basis only should any question be settled. I defy any one to show to the contrary.

8. As the nation's wealth producers and the mainstay of her credit and balance of trade.

9. The only two organizations, battling for "cotton prices" for the farmer are Southern Cotton Association and the Farmers' Union. Be loyal to them. You will have to hold to them and to yourself and in this practice of loyalty to them and to each other is the farmer's only protection. Only with them is there a ray of hope for ultimate freedom from a slavery worse than all slavery—the slavery of debt.

You will recall that in the very beginning of this season I told you that you had before you the hardest fight of your lives. Be strengthened then, fellow farmers; it is a fight for the right—the right to price the product of your own labor; and every one thus

armed, plus the facts that his battle is for his country—is for better schools and churches—is thrice armed.

Did those glorious men of the sixties have a nobler cause? Was there required of them a higher courage, nobler patriotism and greater sacrifice. Bulldog tenacity, eternal vigilance, everlasting determination, unceasing watchfulness, daily sacrifice, and unflinching loyalty to your organization and yourselves; fairness and justice to every business, demanding only what is yours, fixing a reasonable price (and you have never done otherwise), and fighting for it until the last, will bring victory and only that course will.

Then will you command the respect deserve the praise and receive the support of every class of business men.

I cannot fail to congratulate every one who has stood with us and aided us in the fight. He who could hold and has held his cotton through these trying days, slowly marketing it, has saved to his southern millions of dollars. Had the farmer joined the panic and dumped his cotton on the market there would have been a panic indeed. Cotton would have gone to 7 cents or 8 cents, and disaster and bankruptcy have been our portion. You deserve all praise, and be it said for your encouragement, your wisdom is justified in the result that in the face of conspiracy, culminating in a pretended panic, with more gold and money in our banks than ever before, with the most valuable crops of every kind ever produced, you have seen an almost steady advance in cotton.

It seems to me that we have adopted the only wise way. It looks now as if at least 2,000,000 bales, probably 3,000,000 bales will be held off the market and not sold at all, unless the price goes to 15 cents. Yours to the finish.

(Signed) M. L. Johnson, President Georgia Division, Southern Cotton Association.

**How to Avoid Appendicitis.**  
\*Most victims of appendicitis are those who are habitually constipated. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup cures chronic constipation by stimulating the liver and bowels. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup does not nauseate or gripe and is mild and pleasant to take. Refuse substitutes. Sibert's Drug Store.

**USING DYNAMITE.**

Another Secret Society Hall is Blown Up in Georgia—Systematic Campaign is Waged.

Albany, Ga., Dec. 23.—Advices from Keeler, the town on the Georgia, Florida & Alabama railway in which a negro secret society hall was blown to atoms by a charge of dynamite several weeks ago, state that the outrages are being repeated, two halls in the country near Keeler having been dynamited Friday night. They were completely demolished.

One of the buildings was the Odd Fellows' hall at Corea, four miles south of Keeler, and the other the Supreme Circle's meeting place at Salem church.

There appears to be a dynamite campaign of destruction waged against the negro secret societies, whose halls to the number of at least five have been completely demolished within the last month.

As the result of the dynamiting of so many lodge rooms there is a reign of terror among the negroes in the vicinity of Keeler. They believe that whites are dynamiting their halls on account of the difficulty in securing labor, the labor troubles being blamed on the secret orders.

**An Insidious Danger.**

\*One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. Sibert's Drug Store.

**The Onion in Cooking.**

The greatest of French cooks being asked to give the secret of his success answered: "The very foundation of all good cooks is in butter and ONIONS! I use them in all my sauces and gravies. They have the effect of making a customer come back for more. Butter without onion will drive the customer away after a few days. Boil the onion till it melts, or entirely disappears; then add the butter, and call the mixture stock."—New York Press.

**How to Avoid Pneumonia.**

\*You can avoid pneumonia and other serious results from a cold by taking Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough and expels the cold from the system as it is mildly laxative. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. Sibert's Drug Store.

The town of Manning last week voted bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the erection of a new graded school building.

**The Price of Peace.**

\*The terrible itching and smarting, incident to certain skin diseases, is almost instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Salve. For sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy.

**GOOD RACES WEDNESDAY.**

Large Attendance at Turf Association's Meet.

The attendance at the Sumter Turf Association's Christmas meet was good and everybody was well pleased with the races which were fast and exciting.

The following were the results:

First race:  
1-mile Heat—Trot or pace—Al. Thomas, first, owned by C. W. Smith, Sumter; Kitty Nutwood, second, H. H. King, Bishopville; Joke Hope, third, Dr. Brown, Orangeburg. Time, 2.39.

Second race:  
1-2-mile Dash, for Midsen—Prince Henry, first, owned by R. C. Richardson, Sumter; Pauline D., second, owned by C. F. McFadden, Sumter; Swamp Root, third, owned by W. H. Seale, Sumter. Time, 52 1-2 seconds.

Third race:  
7-8-mile Dash, all ages—Blue Buck, first, owned by Arthur L. Jackson, Sumter; The Widow, second, owned by T. O. Sanders, Hagood; Getaway, third, owned by D. M. Davis, Sumter. Time, 1.38.

Fourth race:  
1-2-mile Dash—All Ages—Little Belle, first, owned by D. M. Davis; Amelia B., second, owned by T. O. Sanders; Blue Buck, third, owned by A. L. Jackson. Time, 50 seconds.

**SECOND DAY'S RACES.**

All Events Good and Attendance Satisfactory.

The following were the results of the second day's races of the Sumter Turf Association:

The three-quarter mile dash, a match race between Getaway and The Widow, was a neck race, Getaway winning only by a nose. Time, 1.25.

The first race, a one mile heat, trot or pace, was won by Patty Nix, owned by G. T. Little, first. Time 2.31 1-4. Al Thomas came second, owned by L. D. Jennings.

The second race, a seven-eighths mile dash for all ages, was won by The Widow, owned by T. O. Sanders, first. Time, 1.37 1-4. Getaway, owned by D. M. Davis, came second. Blue Buck, owned by Hotel Sumter, was third in this race.

The third race, a five-eighths mile dash, was won by Little Bell, owned by D. M. Davis, first. Time, 1.10. Prince Henry, owned by Col. R. C. Richardson, came second, and Kentucky Boy, owned by Ransom Richardson, was third.

The fourth race, a three-quarter mile dash, match race, was won by Getaway, owned by D. M. Davis, first. Time, 1.25. The Widow, owned by T. O. Sanders, was second.

In the fifth race, one-half mile dash, "consolation" race for non-winners at this meet, Amelia B., owned by T. O. Sanders, came first, time, .53 1-4, and Princess Bonnie, owned by Col. R. C. Richardson, second. Miss Baker, owned by J. A. Baker, third. Swamp Root, owned by W. H. Seale, fourth. Pauline D., owned by C. F. McFadden, fifth.

The weather was fine and the track excellent. The judges were: Dr. E. B. Breeden, Dr. E. S. Booth, S. W. Stubbs. Timekeeper, Willie Builtman.

The starter was W. L. Sanders. All the races were good and there was a large attendance with much enthusiasm among those present in the outcome of the various events.

**A Card.**

\*This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Cures la grippe, coughs and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Sibert's Drug Store.

The largest dam in the south has just been finished. It is thrown across the Yadkin river 31 miles from Salisbury, N. C., and is 46 feet wide and 917 feet long. The minimum flow of water gives 16,000 h. p., which makes it second only to Niagara as a source of mechanical energy. The electric power generated will be transmitted to neighboring cotton mills and factories.

**Special Announcement Regarding the National Pure Food and Drug Law.**

\*We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug Law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it is a safe remedy for children and adults. Sibert's Drug Store.

Rev. J. J. Neville, an aged Methodist minister of Anderson, is dead.

\*When you want the best, get Doan's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve. It is good for little or big cuts, boils or bruises, and is especially recommended for piles. For sale by all druggists.

**CIRCUIT MAY BE FORMED.**

Sumter and Neighboring Cities May Organize Racing Circuit.

The following news item from The State will be of interest to many Sumter horsemen:

"It has been suggested that a spring turf meet be held, the circuit being composed of towns in this State and Georgia. There is just now more interest shown in horses than has ever been the case in this part of the country and the annual meet would prove a great success.

"A prominent horseman of Sumter suggests that the circuit include the following: Sumter, Spartanburg, Columbia, Augusta, Savannah and Charleston. All these places have good tracks and interest in horse races is manifested whenever an opportunity for holding a meet has presented itself. As stated, in Sumter there is a good track with accommodations for 50 or more horses at the present time. Thus far there have been two very successful meets, which have indicated that the people will support a regular event.

"At the Spartanburg fair the racing took well and there were a number of entries from other counties in this State. At Columbia the annual State fair meet brings together a number of South Carolina horses, and the horses now in training there indicate a good patronage from that end of the circuit. Augusta has races at the annual fair in that city and both Charleston and Savannah have race tracks. On the whole the opportunity for an annual event is very encouraging and if the event is pulled off it would mean much to the State."

**Disturbed the Congregation.**

"The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Sibert's Drug Store.

**A. C. L. Retrenchment.**

Notices of dismissal have been received within the past day or two by quite a large number of clerks employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, it being stated that probably as many as 100 persons will be affected. The orders now issued are effective Jan. 1, and at that time dozens of men will be thrown out of employment.

It is stated that not only are the office forces of the road affected, but that the order, issued some time ago, applied to all the shops and other departments of the system, and that a big reduction in the number of employees of the Atlantic Coast Line has resulted.

Other railroad systems, and not only Southern roads, but the great Northern and Western systems, have also ordered curtailment of expenses by reducing the respective forces and the Atlantic Coast Line is one of the last companies to make this order, which results in the enforced idleness of many men.—Wilmington Messenger.

\*If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by all druggists.

The full official returns of mining in Great Britain in 1906 give the value of the coal raised during the year as roundly \$500,000,000—an increase of \$50,000,000 over 1905. This increase was due partly to enlarged output and partly to higher prices. The yield of iron, lead, tin and copper from British mines was also of greater value and quantity in 1906 than in 1905.

To fear or to worry is as sinful as to curse.

**MUST BELIEVE IT.**

When Well Known Sumter People Tell it so Plainly.

When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Sumter the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every backache sufferer, every man, woman or child with any kidney trouble will find profit in the reading.

J. A. Burgess, formerly residing at 317 Liberty street, Sumter, S. C., says: "My back has been in a bad condition for a number of years. At times it was so weak I could not get about and there was a constant dull pain across the loins. The secretions from the kidneys were all out of sorts, very dark and contained a brick dust sediment and were too frequent in action, disturbing my rest at night. My eyes watered terribly and pained considerably. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills and heard them spoken so highly of that I procured a box at Dr. A. J. China's drug store. I may say that the result of their use very much pleased me, for I felt a hundred per cent. better, the pain in my back left, my eyes stopped watering and my eyesight improved, while the kidneys were regulated and I could sleep all night without having to get up. Doan's Kidney Pills acted like a charm on me, and I can recommend them." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. No. 59.

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